

CPYRGHT **Italy's Inter-Party Struggle**

The decision of the Italian Christian Democratic party, leader of the government coalition, to avoid any alliance with political extremists, ends for the moment any danger of the government's seeking an "opening to the left." The left-wing Socialists, led by Pietro Nenni, have long urged that they be admitted to membership in the coalition. Since the showing they made in last week's elections their claim to serious consideration has undoubtedly grown. Yet Mr. Allen W. Dulles, director of the Central Intelligence Agency, warned recently that admitting the Nenni Socialists to the government "would be about the same as admitting the Communists themselves."

The right-wing Socialists, led by Giuseppe Saragat, are now members of the coalition and would like to see the Nenni group admitted. Such a move would re-

unite and strengthen the Socialist party; and Saragat argues that Nenni's new-found strength has freed him from Communist domination and made him an acceptable partner in government. This view is firmly rejected by former Premier Mario Scelba, who urges that nothing be done to permit allies of the Communists to "corrode democracy from within."

Should the Saragat Socialists persist in their attitude, they could seriously embarrass the government, which won only a narrow majority in the elections and needs solid support. If they remain loyal to the coalition, the prospects for stable government are brighter. A strong blow for democracy has been struck by the Christian Democrats; it is up to Saragat and his Socialists to see that it is not deflected.